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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed April 19, 2002, time for response to which was set to expire July 19, 2002. This Reply is thus believed to be timely.

Claims 1-7 are pending and have been rejected. Reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.